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**LEADER OF EMPERORS CLUB PROSTITUTION RING
SENTENCED TO 30 MONTHS IN PRISON**

LEV L. DASSIN, the Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced that MARK BRENER, a/k/a "Michael," 63, of Cliffside Park, New Jersey, was sentenced today to 30 months in prison for his leadership role in the international prostitution and money-laundering ring Emperors Club VIP (the "Emperors Club"). BRENER was sentenced by United States District Judge DENNY CHIN in Manhattan federal court. According to the Information and other documents filed in this case, as well as statements made during BRENER's guilty plea and sentencing proceedings:

BRENER participated, from December 2004 until March 2008, in a conspiracy to promote, manage, and carry on an illegal prostitution business; to transport women, and to induce women to travel in interstate commerce to engage in unlawful prostitution. BRENER also conspired to launder payments for prostitution services by opening bank accounts in the names of "QAT Consulting, Inc.," and "QAT International, Inc.," which were used to receive payments from Emperors Club customers. At the time of BRENER's arrest, law enforcement officials seized over \$1 million in cash proceeds in BRENER's apartment and in the Emperors Club's bank accounts.

In imposing the sentence today, Judge CHIN stated: "I certainly don't believe that prostitution is a victimless crime," and noted that "Brener recruited women to become prostitutes and he controlled the business."

Mr. DASSIN praised the investigative work of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Internal Revenue Service-Criminal Investigative Division.

Assistant United States Attorneys BOYD M. JOHNSON III and DANIEL L. STEIN are in charge of the prosecution.